BROAD STREET-TWO ENTRANCES-SIXTH STREET.

Ready-to-Wear Easter Costumes.

cut our garments on model lines which corresponds nearer to the average figure than the great majority of ready-made Suits.

This is an important point that you cannot afford to ignore, with Easte

Don't delay purchasing if you want the garments for Easter.

SILK COAT SUITS

AT

\$25.00.

These handsome Eton Suits are made of an excellent quality of Taneta Silk. The cont is box plaited on back and front. The front is handsomely trimmed with braid and buttons. The skirt is full plaited with plaits stitched down 12 inches below the waist. They come in Brown, Blue and Black.

One of our excellent models has a tucked yoke wi

SILK SHIRT-WAIST SUITS \$25.00.

SILK SUITS AT

\$15.00.

jabot of lace. Shirring and stitched straps in "Wall of Troy" design. The skirt is trimmed to match the walst, with a shirred yoke and tucks. One of the nob-blest productions of this sea sen. Made with the fashionable surplice front, with yoke of fine shirring on front and back. They have a tucked vest and fancy sleeve—skirt has 5 rows of shirring at the waist and a deep flounce surmounted with rows of shirring.

Clay Serge Coat Suits, \$17.50.

The coats are the popular 22-inch length, lined with Taffeta Slik collar of Peau-de-Sole and Silk braid. The skirt has a pannel front and a flound

Three Styles of Suits at \$25.00.

22-Inch Covert Coats, \$6.98.

Taffeta Silk Waists, \$5.00.

thirring and tucks. A full Leg-o-Mutton sleeve and 3 tucks on either side

Accordeon Plaited Skirts, \$5.98

of Blue, Brown, Castor, Tan, White and Black.

An Unmatchable \$5.00 Silk Petticoat.

You wont believe that such quality of Taffeta could be sold at this price They have 9-inch flounce and ruffles, with clusters of 3 tucks each.

May Manton Patterns 10c. each, on sale in Trimming Department.

SEVENTEEN SCENES IN BEN HUR DRAMA

Great Play Next Week Will be Feast for Eye and Ear. Billy Clifford.

charlots and horses, combined with the picturesque scenes illustrating the Wise Men in the gesert, the moonlit lake in the Orchard of Palms, where Ben Hur and Iras enjoy seclusion and make love in Aus's burge, the palm-waving worshippers on Mount Olivet, and the Grove of Daphne, with its nymphs and Devadasi, dancing in their skins of beasts to the music of the kirsing cymbids, simply captivate the great audiences that are nightly in attendance wherever it is being enacted. The sale of sents opens to-morrow morn-

Dr. Ryland Out Again. Rev. Dr. C. H. Ryland, who has been kept from his o.jce for the past three weeks by injuries received from a street car though not entirely well, resumed his duties yesterday,

Compromise Verdict.

In the Law and Equity Court yester-day a compronise verdict was rendered in the case of M. L. Wiltshire, executirx, vs. the Chesapeake and Ohio Raliroad, for \$330.

PROSPECTS DARK, SAYS MR. EVANS

Killing Frosts Have Lessened Chances of Early Fruit.

WHAT CORRESPONDENTS SAY

Crop Bulletin Tells What Farmers Are Doing Over State.

Following is the crop builtin issued resterday by the Weather Bureau:
General Situation.—The weather of the

Great Valley and portions of Middle Virginia, cherry, plum and peach trees, were in heavy bloom during the week, and until Sunday the outlook was very promising, but the occurence of temperatures low enough to cause killing frosts and ice on Sunday night (16th) has made the prospect doubtful, and it is probable, that unless there was a brisk wind movement during the night serious damage has been done.

Winter Wheat.—This crop made very good progress during the week, the plants maintaining their vigorous and thrifty condition.

Tidewater Virginia. Tidewater Virginia.

Cohoke, King William-Work backward on account if rain; whent looking fairly well; grass and pastures poor.

Dalbys, Southampton-Rains retarded work; grass and pastures doing well; fruit not injured; weather cool.

Gunshill, Dinwiddle-Wheat, winter oats and red clover looking well; derman clover late; peaches and apples all right; tobacco plants fine; gardens looking well.

Joffs, York-Too rainy for work; truck well advanced; no lajury by freat.

Portsmouth, Norfolk-Too much rain for work; potatoes doing well; strawberries in bloom; cabbage doing well.

Spottaville, Surry-Work delayed by rain; fruit slightly injured by frost; crops backward.

Middle Virginia.

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no lith.

Lone Oak, Henry-Good, rains; too wet for work and work much behind; too wet for pientiful.

Orange, Orange-Wheat, grass and oats deing well; too wet for plowing; gardens mostly planted.

Ruther Glenn, Caroline-Weather wet and cold; peaches not doing well.

Middieburg, Loudon-Fruit safe; plowing nearly completed; wheat and grusses promising.

Sunnyside. Cumberland-Vascation ing.
Sunnyside, Cumberland-Vegetation late on account rain; fruit up to date; wheat and barloy promising.

Competent and content it is being to the sale of seals opens to-morrow morn.

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rillig machines. Graydon Park Company, incorporated orfolk, A. B. Schwarzkopf, president, hn L. Farant, vice-president, W. A. dwth, treasurer, all of Norfolk, Capi-l stock 20,000. Objects; To buy and sell

NEGRO WITH A GUN.

Joseph Washington Was Sent to Jury Cases of Wife Beating.
The case of Joseph Washington, the neare charged with shooting William Taylor, another neare, was disposed of in the Police Court yesterday morning.

and the assettant will be heard in Hust

AUDITOR'S VIEWS

Marye Declares It Absurd to Say

Digging the Foundations.

T. A: BRUCE FAILED TO APPEAR IN COURT

Bond of \$1,000 Was Forfeited and the Money Paid

Final Steps Taken Yesterday in Case of Northern Securities Company.

BREAK ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Believed to Have Been Due to Misapprehension Over the Situation.

TO ISSUE BONDS.

Barton Heights, With Dissenting Vote, Consents to This Plan

ATLANTIC COAST

received for their stock, \$345,200 ng a total issue of \$15,890,200 for the

Purchases Plant System.

W.L.Douglas UNION\$3.50 HIGH PRIOES FOR SHOES ANY LONGER SHOES FOR MEN W. L. Douglas makes endss.lismore Men's other manufacturer in the world. \$10,000 REWARD to any one who can The reason W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes are the greatest sellers in the world, is, because of their excellent style, easy W. L. Doug-las \$2.00 the world, is, becaused and \$3.78 shoes for Boys are the same to make, why they hold their shape, it boughts \$3.50 shoes for Mon. Boys save \$1 on every pair over other makes. More to make, why they hold their shape, it better, wear longer, and are of greater intrinsic value than any other \$3.50 shoe on the market to-day. W. L. Doughas \$3.50 shoes cost more to make, why they hold their shape, it better, wear longer, and are of greater intrinsic value than any other \$3.50 shoes cost more to be better. Look for it — take no substitute. Sold by sine dealers everywhere. ALWAYS SATISFACTORY. "I have worn the W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes for the last seven years, brassy. and they have always given entire G. C. & E. satisfaction." L. F. MASON. W. I., Douglas mass Cor-ona Coltakin in his 23.60 Catalog. Shoes by mail, 26 shoes. Corean Colt is con-reded to be the finest Pat-cul Lenther yet produced. always gives W. L. Douglas \$3.50 & \$2.50 Shoe Store in Richmond: 623 E. Broad St.

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UR STOCK of Boys' and Children's Clothing is entitled to all the compliments that appreciative mothers have bestowed on it—it is well selectwell made, exclusive and modestly priced-everything that is new and right-everything rightly priced.

Gans-Rady Company.

Georgia, Alabama and Florida and also eldental Steamship Company, operating between Tampa and Havana. Beside the

Paid Cash Dividends.

A Remarkable Yield.

stock could pay off his indebtedness and bank at clean profit of \$74.25. The majority of the stock of the Atlantic Coast Line Raliroad is owned by a corpora-tion known as the Atlantic Coast Line Company of Connecticut, whose capital is

Company of Connecticut, whose capital is but \$10,500,000.

The majority of the stock of the "holding" company is owned by Mr. H. Walters, of Baltimore, president of the Atlantic Coast Line Ralirond, who by means of this control wields absolute authority over the following roads:

1. The Atlantic Coast Line Ralirond.
2. Louisville and Nashville Ralirond.
3. Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Ralirond. (Controlled by Louisville and Nishville).
4. Georgia Ralirond Company and its dependencies. (Leased by Louisville and Nashville and Atlantic Coast Line.)
5. Old Midland Ralirond, now called Memphis and Paducah Division.
4. One-half interest in Monon Road, 7. One-half interest in Peninsula and Occidental Stoamship Company.
A total of 11,000 miles of ralirond, the face value of whose securities amounts to more than \$480,000.

All of this enormous amount of value is controlled by five and a quarter millions of stock, held by Mr. Walters in the Atlantic Coast Line Company of Connecticut.

Mr. Walters salled on March 28th for

lions of stock, held by Ar. Watters it at Atlantic Coast Line Company of Connecticut.

Mr. Walters sailed on March 28th for Europe at 10 o'clock in the morning. The New York Stock Exchange opened at the very moment of his sailing, and Atlantic Coast Line Railroad sold furiously at 1th. Since that time it has advanced to 180 and over.

There are all sorts of rumors afloat regarding the future of the stock, but, as has always been the case, nothing will be definitely known until final action has been taken by the Board of Directors, which is composed of the following sentlemen:

Mr. H. Walters (chairman), of Baltimore; Mr. Fred W. Scott, of Richmond; Mr. Michael Jenkins, of Baltimore; Mr. Walton Newcome, of Haltimore; Mr. Warren Elliott, Baltimore; Mr. H. B. Short, Mr. J. J. Lucas, Mr. Donald Mackae, Mr. E. B. Borden, of North Carolina; Mr. J. J. H. Estili, of Georgia; Mr. M. F. Flant, of New York;

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H. Estill, of Georgia; Mr. M. P. Plant, of New York.

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WHO WILL HELP TO SAVE A BOY'S LIFE?

Mad Dog Bites Child Whose Parents Cannot Pay for Treatment.

All who care to help are urged to act

The following subscriptions have

DRIVING ACCIDENT.

Young People Thrown Into the Mud in King George.

SCHOOL GIRL ELOPES.

Left Virginia Christian College for Pelham With Her Lover.

Acison county, and mass Carrie Priggi-aid, of Nelson county, a student at the Virginia Christian College of Lynchburg, eloped to Pelhum, N. C., this morning and were married at 1 o'clock by Justice Pierce.

The young lady, who is about eighteen, stole away from the college early this morning and met her lover at the rallway station. They returned from Pelham and are stopping at a hotel to-night, and to-morrow they will go to their home in Nel-son county. son county

JUNIOR ORDER.

The State Council in Session at Manassas.

Manassas.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)

MANASSAS, VA., April 18.—Pire State
Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., is holding its
annual meeting here to-day, with headquarters at the Prince-William Hotel.
There are from one hundred and fifty to
two hundred representatives of different
councils throughout the State here. Built
Run Council, No. 101, of Manassas, will
tender the State Council a banquet towight in Nicol's Hall. ilght in Nicol's Hall.

Sunday School Anniversary Sunday School of Immanuel Baptist Church will celebrate its twentieth anniversary to morrow night. The occasion will be one of interest. There will be interesting exercises, and every scholar is expected to bring in a sook containing a contribution toward meeting the subscription of the Sunday school toward the building fund of the church. The school is in a flourishing condition and growing steadily.

Mr. Campbell Paid Up.

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In the Hustings Court vesterday Mr.
John M. Cambbell paid \$1,000, the amount
of the bond of T. A. Bruce, who "skipped
his ball."
The Commonwealth's Attorney will take
steps to bring the man back.
In the same court Elliah Gray was acquitted of malicious wounding and the
case of Wm. Thomas, charged with murder, was continued.

Finance Committee. The Committee on Finance met last night and transacted routine business.

THAT BEAUTIFUL GLOSS comes from the varnish in Devoe's Varnish Floor Paint; costs 5 cents more a quart though. Sold by Harris Hardware Company,

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